GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Processing of Agricultural Products
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agricultural and food products being processed in the country;

(b) whether the food processing industry in the country is still at a nascent stage in terms of development and lagging behind as compared to that of developed countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the country's share in the international food trade is very low and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve it;

(d) whether the county's food processing industry is highly fragmented and dominated by the unorganised sector and if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the efficiency of the food processing sector in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) Madam, the details are provided in Annexure.

(b) Yes Madam, as per the information provided by Central Statistics Office, Ministry of
Statistics and Programme Implementation, the percentage share of Gross Value Added (GVA) from food processing in total GVA at current prices was 1.43 per cent in 2014-15. Consumer preference for fresh food and inadequate availability of storage and processing infrastructure has kept the food processing industry at its nascent stage in the country.

(c) As per the information provided by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), India's share in the total exports of processed food in the global market, based on UN Comtrade data was 1.62 per cent in the calendar year of 2014. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), in partnership with APEDA promotes exports of processed food products from the country.

(d) and (e) As per the information provided by Central Statistics Office, Ministry of
Statistics and Programme Implementation, the share of the household sector, which is a measure of unorganized sector, was only 21.4 per cent of gross value added by food processing units in 2014-15. The MoFPI continues to support the growth of the organized food processing industries and increase its efficiency through implementing Schemes of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure, Setting up/Modernization of Abattoir and Strengthening of Institutions.

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